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For: TITANIUM DIOXIDE PIGMENT COMPOSITION

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RESPONSE

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed May 15, 2002, please amend the above identified application as follows:

In the specification

At page 5, line 12

A1 Typical additives which may be utilized in the inventive composition include materials, such as, dimethyl polysiloxane, octamethylcyclotetresiloxane, anionic polyacrylate, polyglycolethers, fumed silica, petroleum hydrocarbons, acrylic polymers, triethanolamine, bicyclic oxazolidines, 1,2-benzisothiazolin-3-on, sodium hydroxide as well as combinations of these ingredients.

At page 8, line 25

A2 A pH meter was utilized capable of measuring the pH to 0.1 units or better was used. The pH meter was checked with buffered reference solutions having a pH of 7 and a pH of 10 and calibration was carried out if necessary. The electrodes were then introduced into the slurry and the slurry was gently agitated to ensure a thorough wetting and the pH was read to the nearest 0.1.